

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARK, RECREATION & FORESTRY BOARD
November 23, 2015

The meeting of the Park, Recreation & Forestry Board of the Village of Slinger was called to order by Bob Stuetgen at 300 Slinger Road, Slinger, WI 53086 at 6:00 PM on Monday, November 23, 2015 in accordance with the Notice of Minutes delivered to the members on Friday, November 20, 2015.

I. Roll Call & Notice of Meeting:	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Bob Stuetgen	x	
Jeff Behrend	x	
Jennie Stonehouse	x	
Rick Kohl	x	
John Murray	x	
Eugene Mueller		x
Gerry Lofy	x	
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Also Present: Tony Dobson, Parks, Recreation & Forestry Director
Josh Feller, Recreation Supervisor
Josh Trame, Parks & Forestry Supervisor
Margaret Wilber, Treasurer
Jessi Balcom, Village Administrator

Chair Stuetgen informed the members present that the open meeting law had been complied with in connection with the meeting. Notice of the meeting was sent to all who requested same and posted in three public locations.

II. Approval or Correction of Minutes: October 26, 2015

A motion was made by John Murray to approve the minutes from October 26th. A second was made by Gerry Lofy. Carried.

III. Unfinished Business

A. Forestry Report

Supervisor Trame said that staff is finishing up with the pruning of street trees. Trame said that they are finally caught up on pruning and right on schedule. Trame also said that we did not receive an urban forestry grant for 2016, which is what we expected. Trame informed the board that several Ash trees would be marked this winter for future removal.

B. Beach Report

Supervisor Feller said that we are getting closer to finding some answers in regard to the leak at the beach. Feller said that a camera has shown a suspicious area in a pipe at the pond. Feller said we would be doing more testing this week hoping to find the exact location of the break. Director Dobson said that we should have more information at our January meeting. Some discussion took place about the direction we would take to fix a broken pipe.

C. Dog Park

Director Dobson said that the next Friends of the Slinger Parks meeting was in April. Dobson said that we need to put a committee together that will look into setting up a fundraising effort to make this park a reality. Some discussion took place regarding the dog park including a temporary fence. The board decided to wait until April to discuss this project with the friends group.

D. Little League Update

Director Dobson said they would be making some changes to the Little League in 2016. Dobson said they are looking at

not using volunteers in the concession stands, which would then eliminate the \$50 deposit fee paid by participants. Dobson said that one of their concerns is background checks for volunteers working in the stands. Dobson said that eliminating the volunteers would save staff a considerable amount of time. Dobson stated that they would like to eliminate the \$50 deposit and raise league fees by \$20 to compensate for the cost of hiring additional staff in the concession stands. Some additional discussion took place regarding our 2016 Little League Program.

IV. New Business

A. Ice Rink

Supervisor Trame said that he is waiting for an extended forecast showing some cold weather. Trame said that as soon as the forecast shows some consistent low temperatures that he would begin putting the water in the rink. Some discussion took place regarding how much water would be put in initially as well as the hours of operation for the rink. John Murray suggested we talk to DrillMaster to let them know that an ice rink would be going in next door. Director Dobson said that he would call DrillMaster on Tuesday.

B. Haunted House

Director Dobson said that he would be meeting with representatives from the Hartford Jaycees in December to discuss background checks on volunteers as well as our 2016 contract. Dobson said he along with Chief Schmidt would be meeting sometime in December.

C. Field Groomer

Director Dobson informed the board that they would be purchasing a new field groomer in 2016. Supervisor Trame said that our 2016 budget has been approved, which included the purchase of a new Smith Co. Super Star. Trame said he is looking forward to this new piece of equipment and that the field groomer is our most important piece of equipment.

V. Adjournment

Motion made by John Murray to adjourn the meeting at 6:33 PM. A second was made by Rick Kohl. Carried.

Tony Dobson, Parks, Recreation & Forestry Director